

REMARKS

With entry of this amendment, claims 50 and 55 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 20-28, 30-32 35-38, 42-44, and 47-49, 51-54, and 56-67 remain pending in this application. Based on the foregoing amendments and following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections-35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 27, 28, 30-32, 35-38, 42-44, and 54 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,771,996 ("Bowe"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection, since Bowe does not disclose each and every element required by these claims, as amended.

In particular, independent claims 27 and 37 have been amended to respectively include the limitations of now-cancelled claims 50 and 55, which the Examiner indicated as reciting patentable subject matter.

Thus, Applicant submits that claims 27, 28, 30-32, 35-38, 42-44, and 54 are not anticipated by Bowe, and as such, respectfully request withdrawal of the §102 rejections of these claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant graciously acknowledges the allowance of claims 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 20-26, 47-49, and 60-67. In response to the Examiner's indication that objected to claims 51-54 and 56-59 recite patentable subject matter, Applicant has amended these claims to respectively depend from independent claims 27 and 37, which as discussed above, were amended to include the patentable limitations of now-cancelled claims 50 and 55.

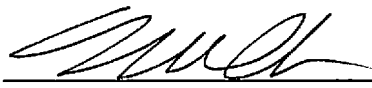
Conclusion

Based on the foregoing, it is believed that all claims are now allowable and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding this amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (949) 724-1849 (ext. 109).

Respectfully submitted,

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